Line 34, after "not" insert --have--.

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Line 3, after "stamper" insert –,--.

Line 11, after "resulting" insert --respectively--.

Line 23, after "disc" insert --,-- and after "above" insert --,--.

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Line 7, change "At this time" to --For instance--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Amended) An optical disc comprising:

a main area [for] storing digital data, said main area being divided into [with] a plurality of zones; and

a spare area[,] having [a variable] an area [rate] within [said] each of said [zone] zones of said main area, [for] said spare area storing digital data [said corresponding

digital data instead of said main area to prepare an occurring data error due to a defect of said main area],

wherein areas of said spare area within different zones vary in relative size.

2. (Amended) The optical disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the relative sizes of said [each rate of] spare areas change [is set to be] substantially [symmetrical] symmetrically in an inward and outward radial direction from a central radial position on [the advancing direction of an inner circumferential portion and an outer circumferential portion by centering about said center portion of] said optical disc.

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3. (Amended) The optical disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the relative size of said [each] spare [area are set to be] areas gradually [increased] increase or [decreased] decrease in [the radius] a radial direction of said optical disc.

4. The optical disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the relative sizes of said [each] spare [area] areas [are set to be relatively large in the advancing direction of an inner circumferential portion and an outer circumferential portion by centering about said centre portion of] increase in an inward and outward radial direction from a central radial position on said optical disc.

In claim 5, line 2, delete "in all".

In claim 6, line 2, delete "in all".

7. (Amended) A method for setting spare areas of an optical disc [for preparing a liably-occurring recording error due to a defect of said optical disc, wherein], said method comprising: [for setting said spare areas of said optical disc is performed by]

variably setting a size for each of said spare [area] areas to achieve a difference in relative sizes of said spare areas in a radial direction of said optical disk [rates of which size rates are variably set in the radius direction of said optical disc].

8. (Amended) The method for setting spare areas of an optical disc as claimed in claim 7, wherein said variably setting step includes setting the size [variably set rates] of said spare area [are set] to be substantially symmetrical in a radially inward and a radially outward direction from a central radial position on [the advancing direction of an inner circumferential portion and an outer circumferential portion by centring about said centre portion of] said optical disc.

9. (Amended) The method for setting spare areas of an optical disc as claimed in claim 7, wherein said variably setting step includes setting the size [variably set rates] of said spare areas [are set] to [be relatively large] increase in a radially inward and a radially outward direction from a central radial position on [the advancing direction of an inner circumferential portion and an outer circumferential portion by centring about said centre portion of] said optical disc.

10. (Amended) The method for setting spare areas of an optical disc as claimed in claim 7, wherein said variably setting step includes setting the size [variably set rates] of said spare areas [are set] to be gradually increased or decreased in the [radius] radial direction of said optical disc.

Please add the following claims.

11. An optical disk comprising:

a main area storing digital data; and

a spare area reducing error by storing digital data, said spare area increasing in size in an outer radial direction of said optical disk.

12. The optical disk recited by claim 11, wherein said main area includes plural zones and said spare area includes a spare region within each of said zones, said spare regions within said zones increasing in relative size in the outer radial direction of said optical disk.

13. The optical disk recited by claim 12, wherein said zones increase in relative size from a first radial position on said optical disk to an outer edge of said optical disk.

14. The optical disk recited by claim 13, wherein said first radial position is a midpoint between an inner edge and said outer edge of said optical disk.

15. The optical disk recited by claim 12, wherein said zones increase in relative size from a first radial position to a second radial position on said optical disk, said first radial position being a midpoint between an inner edge and said outer edge of said optical disk, said second radial position being a point positioned radially outside said first radial point.

16. An optical disk comprising:

a main area storing digital data; and

a spare area reducing error by storing digital data, said spare area decreasing in size in an inner radial direction of said optical disk.

17. The optical disk recited by claim 16, wherein said main area includes plural zones and said spare area includes a spare region within each of said zones, said spare regions within said zones decreasing in relative size in the inner radial direction of said optical disk.

18. The optical disk recited by claim 17, wherein said zones decrease in relative size from a first radial position on said optical disk to an inner edge of said optical disk.

19. The optical disk recited by claim 18, wherein said first radial position is a midpoint between an inner edge and said outer edge of said optical disk.

20. The optical disk recited by claim 17, wherein said zones decrease in relative size from a first radial position to a second radial position on said optical disk, said first